

MAT AND RING CLUB AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Wrestling and Boxing Arouse Enthusiasm on the West Side.

The Salt Lake high school wrestling and boxing club has been organized and should become a popular institution of the high school, already there are more than seventy-five boys in the club, and when active work is started it is expected that many more will join.

Robert Jensen has been elected president, Martin Mulvey is vice president, and George McElroy has been chosen manager. The executive committee will consist of Rankin, Smith, and the freshman class. John Bodden represents the sophomores, Leonard Mannan of the juniors, and Neils Boll of the senior class. Coach Henry Richardson will be the chairman of the executive committee.

The executive committee will meet again this week and draft the constitution and by-laws of the new club, which will be passed upon by the members at a club meeting later.

Active work will start tomorrow afternoon, when mat meets will be held in the gymnasium for the wrestlers, and boys who are eager to become stars in the ring will also work out in the gymnasium. At present the basketball squad is using the gymnasium until 4 o'clock. Coach Richardson told the boys that they could have the entire use of the gymnasium after that hour. While the basketball team are practicing, the wrestlers and boxers will be in the running track and other gymnasium conveniences. There are many exercises and a punching bag holder on the floor, while on the running track there is a rowing machine, dumbbells and Indian clubs are also a part of the gymnasium apparatus.

There is much material for a championship wrestling and boxing team at the west side and the prospects for several championships at the high school are bright. Many boys will begin to train for the coming amateur wrestling and boxing tournament, and a team will be chosen to represent the club to the high school. In past years, boys from the high school have won intermountain championships.

Virgil McHann and Adlai McCabe, students of the Salt Lake high school several years ago, both won championships in wrestling. Last year, Lockwood Peters won a wrestling championship in his division, and Neils Boll won the light-heavyweight boxing championship.

Robert Jensen, president of the club, is one of the best wrestlers in the state and it is probable that he will enter the coming tournament.

NESTER BUSY WITH BIG RING TEAM

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The blonde catcher's makeup, Frank should last up above. Saffara has to fight it out in the ring, but he can go as well as with the veteran, "Hack" Gibson. As teammates, Saffara will have to fight Great Falls graduates. They are "Pete" Deit, Kelly and Duffy.

Sam La Roque will be the only umpire in the Union association roster of last year who has been gone away from President Murphy this season. Says the Anacostia Standard, while President Murphy has not signed any statement, this is a straight enough to induce the fans to take big odds on the proposition and then sleep easy. Ralph Pray will not get a contract, Rasty Wright will not get one, and Charlie Elsey, who worked the last month last season, will not be included among the arbiters.

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"Ducky" Holmes has written, and while he doesn't go into exactly what his communication received by the sporting editor of the Miner last night is at least enough to make him feel that his trip to the North is a success.

"Ducky" says he has been on a trip to North Dakota, and following a trip to his ranch on his return, writes from the trip to the effect that he is getting busy with the bunch and on reading between the lines one might infer that his trip to the North is a success in the nature of a scouting expedition.

He says he has eight or ten players already signed and will wind up his squad when he reaches Seattle, which will not be until after the first of March, however.

"I'm getting some corking good youngsters," "Ducky" continues, "and several experienced men that I know can deliver. I know I must furnish Butte with a fine ball club, and I surely will have that or nothing. Will see you after the first."

So the fans will have to contain themselves until Mr. Holmes comes to town and divulges. But there is one thing certain from "Ducky's" past reputation. If he gets the money, he will have a team and there are a whole lot of people who will wonder how and where he got it. Butte Miner.

Steve Kelly, who was with Helena a part of last season, is likely to go to the Federal league, says the Helena Independent in an interview with Charles Brazier, formerly of Salt Lake. He said he had an offer, but did not state what team was offering for his services. Steve was en route from Butte to Great Falls. Alec Remness, who played independent baseball last year, and Steve Dell, signed with Seattle, have both been offered berths with the Chicago Federal club, managed by Tinker. Dell is understood to have signed with Seattle, and there is good money in Tinker's offer he will hardly desert to the Federal league.

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BAN JOHNSON SAYS MURPHY MUST GO

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signed as manager for a term of five years, but when he summoned his lawyers from Troy he discovered that a rider had been placed in the contract. It was there all the time, but Evers did not know it. At least, that's what I was advised by Barney Drexler and other National league officials.

We certainly don't believe in dealing with base players in any such manner. In our league we don't have to trick managers or players, and I don't think the sentiment of the National league will stand for it, either. Evers was sent all around the country signing ball players that Murphy could not have signed. He was sent south to make the final training camp preparations. To re-sign him as manager only four or five days prior to the departure of the club for training quarters seemed absolutely cruel and unjust. I certainly wouldn't stand for any such tactics in the National league.

Federals a Blessing.

I informed Governor Tener and other National league officials while I was in New York that our organization couldn't continue on present terms with theirs in the future unless conditions were changed in Chicago.

Furthermore, I think this Federal league proposition is a blessing in disguise for baseball. Remember, I said when the Federal league first started that I welcomed the "war" if such it was to be. I said at that time that it would rid organized baseball of its undesirable features. I repeat that statement.

I am clothed with absolute power by the American league to remove any club owner who is regarded as a detriment to the organization. The heads of the National league should have the same power. At my meeting in New York with Tener, Herrmann, Baker, Drexler and three or four others I told them that if the National league could not control this discordant element here in Chicago that the American league would no longer be able to do so with their organization. I told them that Tener and Herrmann should have the power that I have to remove any club owner who was a menace to the game. There will be no backward step on the part of the American league. We are prepared to go to any length to get rid of this influence in Chicago.

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BROOKLYN INVASION MARCHING ONWARD

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NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—With the Federal league circuit practically settled so that organized baseball knows what it has to contend with, and Johnny Jones signed with the Boston Nationals for four years at \$10,000 a year and a bonus, the ranks of the baseball men who have been here for nearly a week began to thin out today.

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BIG COLLEGE COACHES LAY PLANS FOR DEVELOPING WINNING CREWS

Above, left to right—E. J. Giannini, Yale; Jim Wray, Harvard; Vivian Nickalls, Pennsylvania. Below, left to right—Dr. Speath, Princeton; Harry Vial, Wisconsin; Charles E. Courtney, Cornell.



FIGHTING BOB REFUSES TO ADMIT HE'S THROUGH

Former Heavyweight Champion, Knocked Out by Courts, Shows He Is Still a Fighter; Has High Hopes of Son.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—After enjoying a few years of privacy that should prove "soothing and comforting" to a man who has led a turbulent career in pursuit of the bubble fame, Bob Fitzsimmons is back in the swirl of pugilism with both feet.

He has crowded all manner of experience into a few short weeks. He has applied for reinstatement as an able-bodied fist fighter, and has been turned down by boxing commissions and courts of last resort. He has been knocked out by his own son, and has in turn all but knocked out a "white boy" by the name of Sweeney.

He declares now that while New York may bar his gates against him, he will wander all over the boxing circuit and will accept engagements as often as they are offered him. He seems to possess all the ardor that was his when he landed from Australia with a slab-sided carpet bag and a huge pair of freckled hands a quarter of a century ago.

What the future holds for Fitzsimmons it is difficult to say, but I'll warrant a recital of things he does from time to time will make interesting reading. In addition to his other useful attributes Bob was always a kingly advertiser.

Many Vocations.

Few men on this terrestrial footstool have played more parts in life's comedy. He has been fighter, blacksmith, actor, farmer, professor of physical culture, author, trainer of snakes, ponies and wild animals, to say nothing of other occupations which the writer has for the time being forgotten.

Even while I write I recall one of Bob Fitzsimmons's facts. He blossomed out one time as a patent medicine proprietor. He hit upon a cure for rheumatism, and those who used it said that after one application rheumatism was the least of your troubles. You had other things to think about.

Once while traveling by rail Bob forgot the formula of his rheumatism panacea.

"What will I put in it?" asked the clerk.

"Ever think that 'ot,'" said Bob, and the clerk used barbershop as a work basis, made up a concoction that, if a man who applied some of it to an aching joint is to be believed, seared the flesh like a lighted match.

Bob's fame as a rheumatism specialist dwindled, but he had lots of other things to engage his attention.

Son Promises Class.

It began to look as though it was the self-imposed task of coaching Robert, Jr., that has fired the old "un's" fighting blood and caused him to long for the music of the gong.

It was a proud moment in the ex-champion's career when his offspring knocked him cold with a dexterous smash on the point. There was none of the old King Lear complaining against a thoughtless child being a sharper proposition than a serpent's tooth. Not much. When the veteran came back from the land of Nod he wanted to hug the boy. He murmured with parental pride, "It's a chip of the old block."

And while I think of it I think the old man can show the boy some of the short-arm pile-drivers that he used him-

self in the years that have fled. Bob senior's boast that the name of Bob Fitzsimmons will live in pugilism may not be an empty one.

Fitzsimmons, in his time, was so well versed in both pugilistic dynamics and vulnerable points that he might have studied anatomy as well as sledge swinging.

Picture Tells Story.

The latest photograph of Bob, showing his son a left hook or uppercut, with the chin as its objective point, is highly interesting.

The look on Fitz's face recalls the look I have seen on it in real fights. There is nothing of gloating or savagery in his expression as he surveys his own fist nestling beneath the boy's chin. It suggests the way a doctor looks when noting the effects of an anesthetic on a patient.

There never was a man following the fighting game who had a greater variety of knockout punches than Fitzsimmons, or who could gauge the effects of a blow with the accuracy of a physicist. The writer had a chance to be impressed upon his mind many times, but never so forcibly as at the Peter Maher-Fitzsimmons bout in the gravel beds on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

Wait for Chance.

I can see Fitz, backing away from Peter's onslaught, apparently floundering, but watching, lynx-eyed, for the desired opening. It presented itself and Fitz's right arm and glove shot upward as rigid as an iron bolt.

It was one of Fitz's pet assaults—an inside cross and when knuckles clucked against the jaw Peter fell on his haunches, quivering like a man with ague.

Fitzsimmons was walking to his corner before Peter had quite reached the floor. His seconds waved him back, thinking that Peter might arise, but Bob knew. He kept right on his angle, shaking his head to his excited henchmen. He had put the right degree of power into the delivery; he had placed the blow just where he wanted, and he was thoroughly satisfied that Peter was through for the day.

"I've set about teaching the youngster some of the tricks I picked up," said Bob recently when discussing the possibilities of his son making his mark as a fighter.

Well, if Bob goes ahead with the good work and the son proves an apt pupil, the veteran's prophecy that Bob, Jr., "will take rank as the greatest heavyweight in the history of the game" may be verified.

Considering that Fitz is so enthusiastic about the boy's prospects, the wonder is that he does not forsake his own plans for a resumption of fighting and devote himself exclusively to his lad.

Murray Races Wednesday.

Four bicycle races and one roller-skating race constitute the card for Wednesday night at Murray. Crews will race Teddy Sherman and Johnny Mumford. The skaters will get half a lap handicap, as Grebs is deemed more speedier than Sherman and Mumford. Ed O'Brien will have half a lap handicap against O. U. Smertz. This race will be one mile.

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Yale Hopes to Wipe Out Former Defeats; Harvard Not Worrying.

E. J. GIANNINI, former coach of the New York Athletic club oarsmen and track athletes, has joined the Yale triumvirate of rowing experts.

With Guy Nickalls, the English amateur oarsman, he hopes to turn out a squad at New Haven which will wipe out the stain of past defeats by Harvard.

At Cambridge Jim Wray, who has turned out many successful Crimmon crews in recent years, hopes to repeat again this year, and has a wealth of promising material. Harvard boys defeated Yale in every race since 1908.

Pennsylvania crews, under the tutelage of Ellis Ward, brought no palms of victory to the Quaker institution, but Vivian Nickalls, the English coach, is expected to do better. Nickalls rowed in the famous Oxford crews of 1891, 1892 and 1893, when they beat Cambridge. He also won the diamond sculls at Henley in 1891, and holds other amateur records.

Dr. Speath, who between rowing seasons doubles as an instructor at Princeton, hopes to repeat his victory of last year, when the Princeton crew won over Harvard and Pennsylvania.

Harry Vial, the young coach at the University of Wisconsin, has a fine lot of youngsters in his care, and will undoubtedly make a good showing with them at Poughkeepsie next June.

As usual, Charles ("Pa") Courtney, is keeping silent up at Ithaca. Courtney has been coaching Cornell crews since 1883, and has turned out some record smashers. The four-mile eight-oared crew record, as well as the two-mile four-oared and two-mile freshmen eight records are held by Cornell crews. Of the last fourteen regattas at Poughkeepsie, Cornell has won ten, being beaten once by Pennsylvania and three times by Syracuse.

ANDREWS HAS FAITH IN M'CUE'S FUTURE

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left hand. He journeyed to Australia at one time and met all the best heavyweights over there. He also fought a sixty-five round battle with Alex Greggianni in San Francisco and some of the old-timers will recall that Greggianni was considered a star in those days. Costello depended mostly on his cleverness to carry him through against men much heavier than himself. He was a finely built fellow and strong. However, he never made much out of the ring, there being very few of the big purses those days for the average fighter. He was content to labor in New York for a living on a moderate scale.

"Porky" Flynn, White Hope.

"Porky" Flynn, whom Tom O'Rourke thinks is one of the best "white hopes" in the country, scored a real knockout last week when he put George Rodol, the South African champion, to sleep in four rounds. Flynn has been going along at a fair clip for the past three years and it is only lately that he has begun to show real form. Flynn has the build for a fast and clever heavyweight, scaling near 195 pounds and standing close to six feet. He has a clever manager in O'Rourke—a man who knows the game from A to Z and back again—and if there is anything like championship timber in "Porky" it is a good bet that Tom will get it out. It might be a good idea to watch Flynn with "Batling" Levinsky, for

the latter has certainly been making a wonderful showing the past few months. His latest victory was over Tom McMahon, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, who is accounted a pretty good "white hope" himself. Levinsky is anxious to meet "Gumbo" Smith for the white title, but it might be a good idea for him first to tackle the Boston boy with the pork and beans name and let the winner go after the naval champion.

Lightweights Numerous.

There are more good lightweights in the middle west at the present time than there have been for several years past. There was a time when a really high-class lightweight was a very scarce article around these parts, but they seem to be coming into their own again.

Charley White, the Chicago 133-pounder, has developed into a real first-class lightweight and it will not be surprising to find him battling for a title before a great while.

Ed Brown, the Minnesota lightweight, is another boy who stands in the front rank, and at the present time he has a challenge out for a battle with Willie Ritchie over the twenty-round route for the championship. Brown is not making any bluff, but has a forfeit of \$5000 to go with his challenge. This forfeit is only in case of a twenty-round battle.

Johnny Griffith, the Akron, Ohio, lightweight, has shown himself to be a wonderfully clever boy and a fairly good hitter. He is coming along at a very fast clip and ranks now with Charley White and the rest of the stars.

Joe Mandot, the southern lightweight, who is making Chicago his home, is another boy who seems to have come back in pretty good shape. Jimmy Duffy, the Buffalo lightweight, can be classed with the best and he also is out with a challenge to Ritchie for the championship.

"Jack" Britton, the Chicago 128-pounder, is near the top of the heap, and only awaits a chance with Ritchie for the title.

Of the entire lot, there is not one of them fighting any better today than Volgaist, the Michigan brawler, who demonstrated by his fights with White and Rivers that he is in as fine shape now as when he fought Ritchie for the title and lost on a foul. Volgaist's one ambition at the present time is to go on with Willie Ritchie again in a ten-round contest, or over the marathon route.

And these are boys of the middle west. There are also some very good ones in the east and on the coast.

'U' MEN READY FOR TRACK AND FIELD

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sprints in good time, and on the relay he was especially strong. In the conference meet in Colorado after all the Utah meets were over, Travers ran the quarter-mile in the relay in fifty seconds flat. This is better than it has been done in Utah, and Bennon in the 440 this spring, as well as in one or the other of the short sprints.

Bob Flagel is the veteran quarter-miler of the Crimmon team. For three years he has hammered away at this race and had been very successful. He is also a fast man in the relay, and has always been a sure point winner. With Travers to team with him in the quarter-mile this year, the varsity should be able to take this killing race from any team they meet.

Brookmeyer is a weight man. He began late in the season last year on the discus, and the best he did was second place in the event. He developed rapidly, however, and Bennon hopes to see him take the event in the state meet this year.

Parry High Juniper.

The other "U" man is "Slim" Parry. "Slim" surprised the crowd last year by taking second place in the high jump in the state meet. The only man who beat him was "Olympic" Richards. With Richards out of the event this year and Parry in good trim, things look bright for a first place in this event.

Along with Parry, Van Pelt, who is a freshman, will make the high jump and the pole vault interesting for outside competitors.

Cred. Hammond is probably the most sensational track athlete in the state today, not barring Alma Richards. In the intercollegiate meet in Illinois last summer Hammond ran the 100-yard dash in nine and four-fifths seconds with an electric time.

The place to look for without qualification among the half dozen best sprinters in America. He is in great trim and on the indoor track is doing the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes with the greatest of ease. Hammond at present holds the state high school record of ten seconds flat and twenty-two seconds flat for the 100 and 220-yard dashes, respectively, and it is predicted freely that with the better training facilities available at the university he will lower these marks this year, and stand also as the state college records.

Another athlete is Vadai Peterson,

OGDEN FANS HOPE DEFEAT SALT

Junction City Will See

Classy Boxers to Meet

Manhattan Boys.

Now that Mike Yokel has trim-

pride of Ogden, Jack Harbertson, wrestling game, the sport lovers city are banking their hopes on one of that city to give the boys

Downing's Manhattan club a Monday night at the Garrick, at the occasion of the Manhattan weekly show.

Ogden fans would rather see the lates beat the Salt Lake boys instead than to win a farm, and certainly going to try their best even next Monday night. They a dozen of Ogden's best boxers out for the last two weeks and a era trouts the six best picked to represent Ogden in the meeting between the two clubs. There are several boys in Ogden who are good, but the fans as they are going to see a little shape for the contests, they do not think they will be able to beat Ogden. As a rule, they are not used to seeing Ogden boys, and they are also banking on the fact that they are a couple of the best in the state.

Rivalry Is Keen.

The local boys have the same against the Ogdenites and are harder for these bouts than even in their lives, and their slogan must be "Ogden beats Salt Lake." Ogden boys are a little envious of Ogden and are not disposed to teach what they know, as the boys from boxing regularly are a little that some of the youngsters along and take their place in the city. Ogden fans, who are not forgotten all that and that they are doing all they can to teach the stars on Monday's card all they can.

Danny O'Brien, undoubtedly the classicist boys who has ever appeared on the scene, is now working out daily in preparation for the bout with Harry Nethercott, the "Porky" O'Brien spent quite a time working out with several youngsters.

The Ogden fans are planning to give the fight a push to win in his bout with O'Brien. They have a sleep producer in either that he will waste right in and O'Brien will have to give up the punch over himself. Nethercott, the advantage of a couple of years, will probably be offset by O'Brien's youth and ring generalship.</